

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 802

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nedra Butler-Ross on her receipt of the Reva Allman Name That Soror Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Nedra Butler-Ross, who was selected to receive the Reva Allman Name That Soror Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, at the 110th Founders' Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a true exemplar of the Greek system at work in the present day yet firmly rooted in its historic mission, having grown from a single chapter established at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in 1,012 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, initiated as a member of the Zeta Lambda chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1978, Nedra Butler-Ross has now been a member of the Beta Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Butler-Ross has achieved Silver Star status and received the Graduate Mentor of the Year award as well as a regional award from Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated, for her leadership on the AKA 1908 Playground Project; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Nedra Butler-Ross earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin and was employed for more than thirty years by the

Shelby County Health Department, retiring at the position of supervisor in the Air Pollution Control-Minor Source Section; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Ms. Butler-Ross enjoys the love and support of her husband of thirty-three years, Eugene Ross; her mother, Cerea Butler; and her daughter, Lynetra Cherril Ross; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Nedra Butler-Ross who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Nedra Butler-Ross on her receipt of the Reva Allman Name That Soror Award and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.